

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks

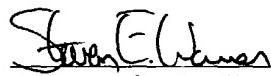
To place the application in better form, the specification has been amended to note its continuation status and to correct minor informalities. Also, a new abstract is presented in accordance with preferred practice. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Claims 29 and 30 are presented for consideration in lieu of claim 1-28, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 29 is the sole independent claim. Support for these claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Notably, independent claim 29 has been patterned after original independent claim 17. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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